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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application prior to  
its examination as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (amended) A device for admitting a backwash fluid to  
filter medium of a filter bed, comprising:

(i) a member;

(ii) a plurality of elongate orifices through said  
member;

(iii) whereby to allow passage therethrough of said fluid  
but not the media.

2. (amended) A device as defined in claim 1, wherein  
the elongate through orifices each comprise a slot.

3. (amended) A device as defined in claim 2, wherein  
the slots each have a width of less than 0.5 mm.